

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the recitation of the structural features recited therein, as well as to clarify the operation of the display means under the control of the features now recited as the first display control means and the second display control means. See, for example, Figs. 11, 13 and 15 and the corresponding disclosure in the specification with respect to amended independent claim 1.

In addition, independent method claim 12 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1.

Still further, claims 2, 6-8, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended to better accord with their respective amended parent claims.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103 s being obvious in view of the combination of JP 2000-253127 ("Tsuji") and US 2002/0052196 ("Padawer et al"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

According to the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, the portable communication terminal comprises first instruction means for issuing an instruction to display the communication log on the display means.

When the instruction to display the communication log is issued, the first display control means of the terminal causes the display means to display the plurality of items of contact address information stored in the communication log storage means, together with a date and time at which communication corresponding to each of the displayed items of contact address information was carried out, and a display region for issuing an instruction to display images with the displayed communication log.

Second instruction means are provided for detecting an operation of a first key associated with the display region for issuing the instruction to display the images with the displayed communication log, during display of the communication log by the first display control means, and for issuing an instruction to

display the displayed communication log on the display means together with the images.

When the instruction is issued from the second instruction means to display the images together with the display communication log, the first determination means of the terminal refers to the link storage means to determine whether any of the items of image data is associated with each of the items of contact address information displayed on the display means.

In addition, second display control means are provided for, when it is determined that at least one of the displayed items of contact address information is associated with one of the items of image data, reading out and resizing each item of image data that is determined to be associated with one of the displayed items of contact address information and causing the display means to display each read-out and resized item of image data in association with the corresponding displayed item of contact address information together with the dates and times at which the communication was carried out in association with the displayed items of contact address information, and replacing the display region for issuing the instruction to display the images with the displayed communication log with a display region for issuing an instruction to display the communication log by the first display control means without the images.

Still further, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, returning means are provided for

detecting an operation of the first key, which is associated with the display region for issuing the instruction to display the communication log by using the first display control means, during display of the images with the displayed communication log by the second display control means, and issuing an instruction to return to displaying the displayed communication log by using the first display control means without the images.

Significantly, therefore, according to the present invention as recited in amended claim 1 an apparatus is provided which displays a communication log (i.e., including a date and time of communication corresponding to the displayed items of contact address information) such that a display region is displayed that corresponds to a first key. When the communication log is displayed without the images, the display region is provided for signifying that the first key is operable to issue an instruction to display images with the displayed communication log. When the images corresponding to displayed contact address information are read-out and resized and displayed (in association with the corresponding displayed item of contact address information together with the dates and times at which the communication was carried out in association with the displayed items of contact address information), the display region is replaced with a display region for issuing an instruction (via the same first key) to display the communication log by the first display control means without the images.

Tsuji discloses searching a member 16 for image data 24 from an address name 22 and a registration number 21 registered in an abbreviated dialing table 17, and displaying the image data 24 along with at least one of the registration number 21, address name and telephone number 23.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that the disclosure of Tsuji of displaying the result of retrieval using the abbreviated-dialing table does not correspond to displaying a communication log (i.e., along with dates and times at which the communication was carried out in association with the displayed items of contact address information) in the manner of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1. In this connection, it is respectfully pointed out that although Fig. 4 of Tsuji is used to explain the structure of the abbreviated dialing table, it does not show an example of a display.

The Examiner acknowledges, moreover, that even according to the Examiner's interpretation of Tsuji, Tsuji does not disclose displaying contact address information without images. For this reason, the Examiner has cited Padawer et al to supply the missing teachings of Tsuji. As recognized by the Examiner, Padawer et al does not disclose display of an image.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that even taking the teachings of both Tsuji (which has been cited as disclosing a

contact number and an image) and Padawer et al (which has been cited as disclosing a contact number without an image), there still would be no teaching or suggestion in the cited references of switching between displaying a communication log with images linked to the displayed items of contact address information and displaying the communication log without the images. And it is respectfully submitted that there clearly is no teaching or suggestion in the cited references of displaying, along with the communication log, a display region for issuing an instruction (via operation of a first key) to display images with the displayed communication log, wherein the images are being displayed the display region is replaced with a display region for issuing an instruction (via operation of the same first key) to display the communication log by the first display control means without the images.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1 clearly patentably distinguishes over even the combination of Tsuji and Padawer et al.

Amended independent claim 12, moreover, is a method claim corresponding to amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 12, as well as claims 2-11 and 13-20 respectively depending therefrom,

clearly patentably distinguishes over the combination of Tsuji
and Padawer et al under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance
of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are
respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or
recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the
undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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